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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Samuel Gilliams, Jr., who passed away on November 27, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Samuel Gilliams, Jr. was born on January 10, 1929, in Jonestown, Mississippi; his parents were Samuel and Edna Gilliams; he met and married Magnolia Spruille in 1957; and

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WHEREAS, Samuel Gilliams, Jr. moved to Chicago at an early age; after moving, he attended Wendell Phillips Public School; and

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WHEREAS, Samuel Gilliams, Jr. served his country with pride and distinction as a member of the United States Army during the Korean War; he was honorably discharged from the Army in 1953; and

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WHEREAS, Samuel Gilliams, Jr. was employed at Namsco, Inc. for 17 years; he went on to work for Eastern Airlines, where he retired in 1987 after 17 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Samuel Gilliams, Jr. was a loyal member of Group No. 3 of the New Friendship Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Edwin Simmons, whom he loved dearly; he

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1 was particularly proud of his service as Co-Chairperson of the  
2 church's 63rd and the pastor's 27th anniversary celebration in  
3 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, Samuel Gilliams, Jr. is survived by his loving  
5 wife of 52 years, Magnolia; his daughters, Sharon D. Smith and  
6 Diedre Matthews (fiance, Clarence); his son, Sidney (Julie);  
7 his granddaughter, Kyla Matthews; his sister, Willa Neely  
8 (Dalandis Sr.); his uncles, Tommie Lyles and Robert Lyles Sr.  
9 (Janie); and his many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends;  
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
13 his family and friends, the passing of Samuel Gilliams, Jr.;  
14 and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the family of Samuel Gilliams, Jr. as an  
17 expression of our sympathy.